



Report to the Auburn City Council

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Valerie Harris, Chief of Police
Date: November 22, 2010
Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with the Placer County Sheriff's Department establishing guidelines for use of the Auburn Police Mobile Command Vehicle during critical incidents

The Issue

Shall the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Auburn Police Department and Placer County Sheriff's Department allowing Sheriff's Department personnel use of the Mobile Command Vehicle for response to critical incidents and necessary training sessions in preparation for such critical incidents?

Conclusions and Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council by **RESOLUTION** approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Auburn Police Department and Placer County Sheriff's Department establishing guidelines for shared use of the Auburn Police Mobile Command Vehicle.

Background

In 2005, the City of Auburn and Auburn Police Department were awarded an impaired driver enforcement grant by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) entitled "Avoid the 7". The grant identified the Auburn Police Department as the lead agency with a three year commitment to organize and oversee DUI enforcement efforts throughout Placer County. Partnering agencies included Placer County Sheriff, California State Parks, California Highway Patrol, Rocklin Police, Lincoln Police, and the Roseville Police Department.

The three year grant included funding for a number of regional enforcement efforts by participating agencies with the goal to reduce the number impaired drivers, traffic collisions, and fatalities caused by DUI drivers. The funding included the purchase of a 30' Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) for deployment during DUI events or other law enforcement activities. The vehicle was designed for multiple uses including; use for processing of DUI drivers, critical incident command post, dispatch communications, and crisis negotiations center. The MCV has been used successfully in a number of ways since its purchase in 2005.

The Auburn Police Department agreement with OTS included an expectation the department would maintain the MCV for continued use at DUI enforcement events throughout Placer County at the conclusion of the three year grant period. The department continues to maintain the MCV and make it available for regional DUI activities and other events. Auburn Police staff have used the MCV as a command post at the Gold County Fair, Black & White Ball, and other events. It has been used by crisis negotiators during critical incidents and critical incident training with great success.

The Placer County Sheriff's Department acknowledges the value in having the MCV for response to critical incidents and for use during training for such incidents. The Police Department and citizens throughout Placer County benefit from properly trained and equipped law enforcement personnel. The Auburn Police can offer the Sheriff use of the MCV anytime day or night the entire year. This is an opportunity to give back and support Sheriff's operations in this ever difficult economic decline.

Auburn Police Volunteers are able to drive the MCV to incidents upon request and oversee the operation of MCV equipment in support of law enforcement personnel. The MOU also gives the Sheriff's Department the option to transport and operate the vehicle without our assistance as needed. The Sheriff's Department is in agreement with the need to have MCV operators properly trained and certified in vehicle operation as specified by the City of Auburn. The Auburn Police Department agrees to facilitate this training and assist the County in any manner possible during their response to law enforcement situations that will benefit from the use of the MCV.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

1. Decline the MOU, thereby maintaining sole control over vehicle operation.

Fiscal Impact

Minimal as Placer County agrees to maintain the vehicle in the condition provided.

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RESOLUTION NO. 10-
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY THE
AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF FOR MUTUAL
USE OF THE MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

That the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby authorize the Auburn Police Department and Placer County Sheriff's Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding allowing shared operational use of Auburn Police Mobile Command Vehicle. The vehicle use in response to critical incidents and other law enforcement related events benefits both agencies and community members alike.

DATED: November 22, 2010

Bridget Powers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn held on the 22nd day of November, 2010 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT
REGARDING
COMMAND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (CRV)**

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TITLE: AUBURN P.D. M.O.U – COMMAND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/01/10

POLICY: The Placer Sheriff's Office and the Auburn Police Department are partners in combating crime. The intent of this agreement is to establish guidelines for the use of Auburn Police Department's Command Vehicle during critical incidents.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Cooperation Statement:

The Placer County Sheriff's Office and the Auburn Police Department work as a team when combating crime in the areas of Placer County where each have jurisdiction. Auburn Police Department possesses a Command Vehicle that is used as an incident command center and a remote dispatch center during public events and critical incidents. This MOU will focus on the Placer County Sheriff's Office use of Auburn Police Department's Command Vehicle during critical incidents both inside and outside of the Auburn city limits.

SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATORS:

All Sheriff's personnel who may drive Auburn Police Department's Command Vehicle must be trained and certified in its operation. That certification must include the following:

1. Participation in Driver Approved Operations Class as dictated by Auburn Police Department;
2. Satisfactory completion of such class, which may include an operations test - written and/or practical - to be administered by Auburn Police Department or their representative;
3. The Command Vehicle will be available for Sheriff's use 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with the exception of their pre-assigned events, i.e., the Gold Country Fair, Family Night Out, AVOID the 7 campaigns, etc.;
4. Requests for Sheriff's use of the Command Vehicle must be made through Auburn Police Department's Dispatch Center.

SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT CARE AND USE:

During and after use of the command vehicle by Placer County Sheriff's Office Personnel they will be responsible for the following:

1. On-scene care and maintenance of the command vehicle, including but not limited to cleanliness and general orderliness;

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2. Returning the command vehicle to Auburn Police's storage location with a full tank of gas;
3. Report any and all mechanical or equipment failures to Auburn P.D. immediately.

AUBURN P.D. M.O.U.

The Auburn Police Department will be responsible for the following:

1. Mechanical and equipment maintenance along with the upkeep of the Command vehicle.

IDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The City and the County each agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its officers, agents and employees for damage to the vehicle or to private property or persons, including death, arising from the negligent or otherwise wrongful conduct of the indemnifying party or its employees in using the vehicle or otherwise pursuant to this agreement.

Note: Because this command vehicle is owned, operated, housed and maintained by Auburn Police Department, they will have first priority for its use.

SIGNATURES OF APPOINTING AUTHORITIES;

Placer County Sheriff

Date

Auburn Police Chief

Date

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